

Office of the Governor State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, citizens, schools, libraries, businesses and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including keeping in contact with family and friends, managing personal finances, performing research, enhancing education and conducting business; and

WHEREAS, critical sectors increasingly rely on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, Internet users face an increasing threat of malicious cyber attacks, loss of privacy from spyware and adware, and significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri Information Security Management Office was established to enhance cyber security and provide a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of this state; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of Missouri information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the National Cyber Security Alliance, and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October 2010 to be

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in Missouri, and encourage all citizens to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 23rd day of September, 2010.



Jeremiah W, (Jay) Nixon

Governor

Attest:

Secretary of State